

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1-15 are pending in the application, of which claims 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the final Office Action dated May 10, 2010.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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